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Health insurance expires this year

By Roger Hamer

Lincoln, Ne. — John Russell, Director of Personnel Services for the University of Nebraska, said the insurance package the university currently has is costing too much money.

In a study presented to the Board of Regents Saturday, Russell said the university paid \$8.7 million in medical insurance premiums during the 1981-82 fiscal year.

"People are using the health service more and using the facilities more which drives up the cost of health insurance," Russell said. As a result the university's health insurance costs were up by "18 to 20 percent."

Russell said the university apparently saved \$160,000 in one month by raising the deductible amount for claims from \$50 to \$100. Although it is too soon to be certain if the change will result in lower insurance claims by employees, Russell said the university is looking for other ways to reduce its medical bill.

Some of the reasons for the increased cost to the university are that room and board at hospitals rose by 14 percent, doctor's fees increased 8 percent and lab fees rose 12 percent. As a result, Russell said the university paid out \$150,000 to \$200,000 more than it took in for premiums.

Russell compiled the study because the university's health insurance contract expires this year.

Board of Regents' Chairman Kermit Hansen of Omaha said the new package should have "control features" built in to help reduce the overall cost to the university.

Hansen said, however, that the new contract should not reduce the quality and level of care for university employees. "Are we prepared as employers to tell policy holders they need to get an appendectomy in Grand Island because it's cheaper?" Hansen said. "They might think twice about going to a hospital and compare costs. Are we prepared to dictate to policy holders where to get hospital care?"

Russell said a Technical Advisory Committee of medical experts from within the university system could be formed to help reduce costs.

In addition to raising the deductible paid by employees to \$100, Russell said other savings could be attained by decreasing the co-insurance rate, consistently review expenditures and improve the dental package offered employees.

Hansen said the possibility of including students in the employees' health insurance package may help reduce the overall cost to the university.



The Board of Regents . . . from left standing, James Moylan of Omaha, John Payne of Kearney, Kermit Hansen of Omaha, Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff, Edward Schwartzkopf of Lincoln, and Robert Koefoot of Grand Island. Seated from left, Nancy Hoch of Nebraska City and Margaret Robinson of Norfolk.

"Students are constituents of the university system that may be valuable," Hansen said of including students in the insurance package.

Regent Edward Schwartzkopf said the difference in age and needs between the Medical Center, UNO, and UNL may cause problems, should students be included. "Most of the students at UNL are covered under their parents' plans," Schwartzkopf said. "UNO students are more mature and have their own policies at their jobs. This could result in a wide disparity of needs."

The Board of Regents asked Russell to look into the possibility of including students in the plan. In addition, the Board discussed the possibility of a double-tier premium structure. This plan would result in two types of coverage. Employees could

either pay higher or lower deductibles for higher or lower coverage.

Russell told the Board he would bring the insurance bids back in March and that a new contract would take effect in July.

In other business Saturday, the Board of Regents . . . Appointed Kermit Hansen as new chairman of the board and Edward Schwartzkopf vice chairman both by unanimous decisions.

Authorized the Medical Center to acquire a building at 4016 Emile St. for \$155,000 from the NU Foundation for use as a residents hall for student nurses.

Changed its by-laws to allow part-time employees to qualify for leaves of absence, a provision previously allowed for full-time employees.

Retirement benefits discussed

By Kevin McAndrews

The Nebraska University Board of Regents may approve a partial retirement plan that would allow NU faculty, age 55 and over, to work part-time while retaining full-time faculty status.

At the faculty senate meeting last week, Faculty Senate Vice President John Wood told senate members that the regents would discuss the University of Nebraska Partial Retirement Appointment Policy at Saturday's board meeting. The policy would allow NU faculty, who have served the university system for 10 years, to work a reduced load of hours and still have full-time benefits.

Retention of full-time faculty benefits, such as the faculty spouse scholarship program, was provided for eligible faculty in the plan. The faculty spouse scholarship program lets persons allowed to receive the scholarship take 12 credit hours a year at reduced cost.

Sen. Keith Turner, associate professor of economics, told the senate he was not aware of this benefit until his wife enrolled for classes at \$3 per credit hour. He urged the senate to support the policy because he and other faculty senate members would be eligible if the regents vote their approval.

"All privileges should be available to people on partial retirement," said Turner.

In his report to the senate, Wood said the UNO faculty pay raise was tabled by the regents at their last meeting in December. The regents were to vote on a 2½ percent salary increase for UNO faculty.

In a later interview, Faculty Senate President Michael Gillespie said a ruling from the Commission on Industrial Relations forced the regents to withdraw the vote to approve a pay raise. The commission decided to restrain the regents from making any faculty employment

changes while negotiations with the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) are at an impasse, said Gillespie, associate professor of philosophy.

Proceedings are in court at Lincoln where the commission is holding hearings over the discrepancy between the AAUP and the regents. Failure to reach an agreement stemmed from a two-year dispute.

Changes besides those being negotiated with the AAUP can be passed by the regents, said Gillespie.

He added that policy changes are first discussed by the regents before they vote on the change. Policy changes can be voted on one meeting after discussion, said Gillespie.

Student Government (SG-UNO) Sen. Gerald Hohndorf and Recording Secretary Don Carlson also addressed the senate on the Elmwood Park road closure issue. Hohndorf, SG-UNO liaison to the faculty senate, told senators he was disappointed that the faculty senate did not send representatives to the last council meeting.

The council delayed a vote that would have decided the Elmwood Park issue.

Hohndorf said he was upset because he requested a show of support from the faculty at the meeting.

In response, Sen. John Langan, coordinator of pre-clinical and student teaching, told Hohndorf and Carlson that their request for faculty senate support was irrational because they were asking for support from a body with varying views on the Elmwood Park issue.

"There are several of us faculty who are saying the park should be a walking park," said Langan. "I am in favor of taking the roads out of the park. Even if I was in favor of it (keeping the roads open) I would not go as a representative of the faculty senate."



Linda Shepard

It's raining again . . . Hal McMinn of the Tangier Shrine came in out of the rain at the UNO Women's Pepsi Classic Basketball Tournament Friday night. For game results, see page six.

Hoch advocates university

Stories by
Dawn Sumners

Although NU Regent Nancy Hoch may be a newcomer to the Board of Regents, she said "I'm an advocate of the university system, because it's the most important investment students and Nebraskans can make."

One of two of the first women on the board, Hoch said she felt it was time more advocates were on the board. Hoch is from Nebraska City and represents District 4.

Hoch said it was important to "hear all the voices on campus in order to know the campus needs." Those voices include listening to the faculty, staff, administration, and the students, she added.

While she said it was important to listen to all the voices on campus, Hoch declined to comment on the American Association of University Professors package to increase salaries and benefits. She felt it would be inappropriate because the two parties are still in litigation.

Hoch said, however, that she was "a strong believer of good salaries for a good faculty." She added that the university had to remain competitive in the business field with good salaries in order to keep and add to their faculty.

UNO, UNL, and the Medical Center cannot be compared equally, said Hoch. "It's like comparing apples to oranges, but they all are important components of the university."

Hoch said UNO and the Medical Center's TV instruction was a good accomplishment. Although controversy exists around the use of TV, Hoch said she was impressed by a presentation she saw of one of the taped class sessions.

Results gathered so far, said Hoch, show that the grades the students receive are almost identical to the ones they received under their professors' live classes. But she said, "I hope we don't replace the faculty."

Focusing on students more closely, Hoch said she encourages student input to the board

through the Student Advisory Committee. Faculty input would also be welcome she added.

Student problems are a concern of the board, and Hoch said she also would look for ways to improve the parking problem at UNO.

In general, Hoch said, the students at UNO have a bright and positive attitude about UNO. She was "very impressed by" her recent visit to UNO which included touring the colleges and viewing their programs.

Hoch said UNO is a "well utilized campus" with "practical student programs set up by the student senate." She added that most of the students and faculty were "very interesting people with interesting plans," and the administration has a "strong desire to improve UNO."

As a regent, Hoch hopes to promote quality and not necessarily quantity in the university. She would like to maintain and build excellence in the university system.

Her interest in being a regent stemmed from being a parent. She and her husband Richard have three children: Sarah, Richard and Hanah.

Her involvement with the university did not begin when she started her campaign. She has a long background of educational and business experience.

She went to UNL for two years, and then graduated from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kans. with a degree in international relations and political science. She served on the President's Advisory Council for eight years.

She served five years on the Alumni Association, and three years on the Med Center's Executive Board. She was on the recent search committee to select a UNL Chancellor.

In business, she was a public relations director, an advertising manager, and a retail buyer.

In what she calls community-service type jobs, Hoch was on the Nebraska City Library Board for 12 years and is now the president. She is a member of the Wick-Alumni Center and a member of the American Association of University Women.



Roger Hamer

New Regents . . . Nancy Hoch (left) and Margaret Robinson, the first women elected to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents.

Robinson plans visit this week

"I have a great commitment to excellence in education," said University of Nebraska Regent Margaret Robinson, a newcomer and one of the first women on the board.

Robinson is from Norfolk and represents District 3.

She said that education might not solve all the problems our state and country are experiencing, but it is the best solution to some of them.

The only way to put people back to work, said Robinson, is through education and improving the educational system.

Robinson declined to comment on the American Association of University Professors package to increase UNO faculty salaries and benefits.

Robinson said she would like to come to UNO and talk to the faculty to get all the facts before she makes a statement on the package.

UNO, UNL, and the Medical Center are all different components of the university system, said Robinson. She said none of them can be matched as equals, but no single school is better than the other.

Robinson said they are completely different because each one offers different opportunities. UNO and UNL, she said, are not comparable to the Medical Center.

Television instruction on campus, Robinson said, is "excellent and a great advantage" to those students who want to take a certain class, but cannot fit it into their schedule.

She added, "It doesn't take the place of the professors, but it is a better solution than other alternatives."

Robinson said she liked the Student Advisory Committee. "For myself, I look forward to

hearing from people, and it is important to keep the doors of communication always open."

One of the things Robinson hopes to talk about during her visit to UNO Thursday is the "serious parking problem." She would like to find a solution that causes as little disruption as possible to the students, she said.

One of her ideas is to arrange a safer way for students who park in Elmwood Park to get to and from their cars. This may be possible through a small shuttle-type system, she said.

UNO in general, Robinson said, is a "tremendous school that offers a great deal to Omaha and Eastern Nebraska." She added that UNO has a "super staff and I am looking forward to spending some time with them."

Her goal as a regent is to try to improve the graduate and professional programs in order to attract more students to the university system. This way, she said, Nebraska can attract more businesses.

This is her major reason for becoming a regent, she added.

In the past, Robinson never worked outside her home until she became a widow. However, in 1974 she took over the family steel service center, the Norfolk Iron and Metal plant. In 1979, she was chosen the "Outstanding Small Business Person of the Year in Nebraska."

She is also in her fourth year as a member of the Norfolk Board of Education, and has served on a number of boards and organizations. A few are the Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and the YMCA.

Robinson went to the University of Nebraska at Omaha for her bachelor's degree, and then to Ohio State for her master's in political science and public relations.

News Briefs

Charles E. Andrews was named the new chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center by the Board of Regents last Saturday.

The University Board of Regents voted 8-0 to name Andrews to the post last held by Neal Vanselow, now vice president for health services at the University of Minnesota.

Andrews, 57, will be paid \$92,000 annually, and is expected to assume his new post by May 1.

Andrews currently serves as professor of medicine at West Virginia University, where,

from 1967 to 1981, he was vice president for health sciences.

A native of Stratford, Okla., Andrews graduated from the Boston University School of Medicine in 1949, following three years of service in the U.S. Army. After graduation, he served from 1951 to 1953 with the U.S. Air Force.

He served on the medical faculty of the University of Kansas Medical Center from 1955 to 1961.

A specialist in pulmonary diseases, Andrews is married and the father of two daughters.

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The Nebraska State Student Association refund will also be available during this period.

Mandery: Parking not only concern

Ray Mandery's 14-month term as student government treasurer ended last Thursday when he was sworn in as student president regent at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

"Some people asked me if I used the treasurer position as a stepping stone to student regent," said Mandery. "But I had no visions of running for regent when I became treasurer. I wanted to get involved at UNO."

Mandery, a student in the master's of business administration program, said he would "like to have run for regent 10 years ago."

The 33-year-old student regent spent 13 years in the Air Force before enrolling in the College of Continuing Studies in 1981. He graduated last December with a bachelor of general studies degree with a major in business administration.

A former Air Force air traffic controller, Mandery said his experience in the military prepared him to work with bureaucracy.

He said he will work to accomplish things that are "feasible."

I would like to improve overall student services," said Mandery, who proposes to deal with small problems that are often overlooked.

He said teacher evaluations should be made available at registration and pencil sharpeners should be installed in College of Business Administration classrooms.

"Parking is the number one concern on this campus," said Mandery, "but I am not going to make it the only concern."

He said he would like to see Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus service improved by adding waiting shelters and increasing bus service during peak periods of the day.

Mandery added he believes student regents should have voting rights. Student regents from UNO, UNL and the Medical Center currently serve as non-voting members of the Board of Regents.

When his term ends, Mandery said he will not seek reelection. "I'm trying to get back into air traffic control on the management side," he said.



Gail Green

New student regent . . . Ray Mandery was sworn-in as UNO student president/regent Thursday.

New HSO Director plans reorganization of agency

By Daniel Goodwin

In the aftermath of student government's investigation of former Handicapped Student Organization Director Jim McMahon last fall, new Director Matt Langdon seeks to reorganize HSO.

One of Langdon's first changes in HSO will be the organization's name. HSO will become the Disabled Students Agency pending the construction of a new constitution by the student senate.

Langdon's philosophy is reflected in the name he's chosen for the agency. He said he wants to convey an attitude to all UNO handicapped and disabled students, as well as provide services.

"I don't like the word handicapped," he said.

"It has a social connotation. Disabled means physically impaired, which is what we are. But everybody has a handicap."

Langdon, a sophomore majoring in broadcasting, said HSO's biggest goal is to integrate disabled students into the mainstream of non-disabled students at UNO.

"I want to assimilate through the things we have in common," he said. "Forget about my wheelchair and let's deal with what makes us alike."

Langdon said he objects to the systematic teachings of some programs that promote the stereotyping of disabled persons. Disproving the stereotypes placed on them is one more goal Langdon has set for HSO.

"When I wake up in the morning, I don't

think 'I've got to get in my wheelchair.' It's a habit; too many disabled people think of a wheelchair as a negative aspect of themselves, but if they forget the wheelchair, others will too."

As HSO's director, Langdon said his outlook on life will be the greatest asset he has to offer. Langdon said he saw a lot of negative attitudes at Immanuel Hospital's rehabilitation center, following the auto accident six years ago in which he suffered a fractured vertebra.

Family and friends helped to keep his thoughts positive by keeping Langdon busy, and he said he wants to do the same for others through HSO.

Though Langdon wants to help others realize that disabled students are normal people, he said some have already learned.

He said he was mugged near the Howard Street Tavern two years ago, and has since learned how to use a numchakas (a martial arts weapon.) Nevertheless, Langdon is looking for interaction of a friendlier sort in HSO.

"We're not an agency for disabled students only, but a people's organization. We want to leave the physical aspects and go towards total assimilation," he said.

HSO will continue to assist disabled students with problems involving accessibility and transportation, Langdon said. All UNO students are welcome to become involved with HSO, he added.

"If I can help just one or two people, then I've done what I want to accomplish," Langdon said.

Liaison Committee could put UNO in touch with OPS system

By J. Frank Ault

The new Liaison Committee formed between UNO's College of Education and the Omaha Public Schools (OPS) could lead to better teacher exchanges and shared equipment.

A teacher exchange program would involve sending UNO instructors to teach in OPS schools while classroom teachers act as guest speakers for UNO education students, according to Dean of Education Donald A. Meyers.

Such a program would allow university teachers to gauge the needs and atmosphere of the public schools, and allow them to better prepare prospective teachers.

"It is extremely important for the urban university to be in touch with the urban school system," Meyers said. "One-third of the teachers and one-half of the administrators in the OPS system are UNO graduates."

Margaret Fitch, assistant superintendent of OPS and a member of the new committee, agreed with Meyers. "We want our school staff members to know what's going on at the uni-

versity as well as improving relations between the two systems," she said.

Fitch expressed a particular interest in the possibility that some arrangement could be made whereby OPS teachers would have access to UNO's computer facilities for training purposes.

Computers, according to Norris Junior High School teacher Bernie Porter, are currently being used in junior and senior high schools, but many are not utilized as well as they could be due to a lack of teachers who can handle the equipment.

OPS Coordinator of Research Irving Young said many previous OPS programs will remain the same, but hopefully, the Liaison Committee will "formalize" and "streamline" the process, thus saving time and energy.

Committee members will be participating voluntarily, without pay, on these and other programs involving counseling, curriculum development, special projects, such as the UNO program for gifted elementary students, and mastery learning.

Mastery learning is a process by which students must com-


plete a specific assignment at their own pace satisfactorily, before moving on to other assignments. If the minimum requirements are not met, students may be withheld from graduation.

Meyers said similar programs have been adopted in large cities like Miami and Atlanta. "We would have the expertise to help OPS develop this," he said.

OPS Superintendent Jack Taylor and Meyers will be ex-officio members of the committee and will have voting privileges. Meyers said he intends to be "very active in the group."

Joining Fitch and Young for OPS will be Burke High School Principal Edward Klima and Springville Elementary Teacher Ellen Coffey.

UNO members include J. Stephen Hazlett, Meyers' associate dean; Larry Albertson, associate professor of education; Katherine Kasten, instructor of educational administration; and Arleen Michael, assistant professor of counseling and special education.



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Comment

Extra surcharge burdens students

The 10 percent surcharge imposed on UNO students this semester is yet one more nail closing the door on higher education.

The surcharge was necessary this semester because UNO was faced with a \$495,000 budget deficit that resulted from legislative cutbacks. Students are concerned that even though the surcharge is supposed to be a "one-time" additional fee, the extra money might be so nice that it may be kept as a permanent source of revenue.

The combination of rising tuition and the extra surcharge has imposed such a financial burden on students that for some, the handicap may be too great to overcome.

Ten years ago, undergraduate tuition was \$18 per credit hour, with no extra charge for the 13th through the 16th hour.

From 1972 through the fall semester of 1976, tuition remained at \$18 per credit hour. But the spring semester of '76 saw the first of a long line of tuition increases.

The recession that began in 1980 and remains today has forced even higher tuition jumps that are now reflected in this semester's tuition bill.

One hour of undergraduate tuition is \$35.48, a tuition increase of 97 percent since 1973.

Non-resident undergraduates pay \$95.97 per credit hour, up a staggering 99 percent from 1973, when the credit hour charge was \$48.25.

Retaining quality education with decreasing budgets is not easy. Maintaining spiraling tuition increases can only end in a disastrous decline in education.

It's simply a matter of basic economics. As more and more potential students are shut out of educational opportunities, society will eventually pay the price.

Declining enrollments resulting from increasing tuition rates will produce a society unqualified for higher paying jobs.

Since most of the technological innovations that advance society and the economy as a whole begin with highly-educated personnel, educational opportunities must not be denied.

Today's recession compounds the problem. People are more unwilling to forego a "safe" job to enter college. A quality education, requiring thousands of dollars and years of effort, that does not ensure a job at the end of the road discourages many potential students.

The shrinking pool of educated workers is forcing many businesses and corporations to pay for additional schooling. But as the burden of tuition costs is shifted to various businesses, it results in additional profit losses.

Of course, businesses would receive some type of tax write-offs for assuming extra educational costs, but much of the profit loss would be transmitted to consumers in the form of higher prices for goods and services. Mired in the throes of a deep recession, higher prices are something that the public cannot afford.

An educated society is the greatest investment we can give to future generations. To ignore this basic concept means that others in the future will pay dearly for our mistake.

After the recent years of unemployment and recession, we know all about paying someone else's dues.

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REQUIRES \$21,000 LIVING EXPENSES?

Unemployment affects White House

By Maxwell Glen and Cody Shearer

WASHINGTON — Announced resignations by Secretaries Drew Lewis and Richard Schweiker might give the impression that everybody's jumping ship at the White House.

For the most part, however, those who followed Ronald Reagan into the White House and its connected agencies are staying put. Their reasons make for an illuminating commentary on the administration.

Traditionally, mid-term elections have provided political appointees at all levels with an opportunity to move on while the getting is good (with at least two years of an administration, special interests are always in the market for inside contacts). Vacancies, in turn, give the White House a chance to reward supporters who weren't so lucky the first go-round.

As a rule, adds Joe Laitin, a former press aide to Democrats and Republicans alike and one of Washington's quintessential insiders, Republicans tend to cut short their government service more than Democrats.

Recent departures would seem to confirm the latter truism. Joining a list that includes Alexander Haig, Lyn Nofziger, James Edwards, Richard Allen and Murray Weidenbaum are Lewis, who's headed for Warner Communications' cable television subsidiary; Schweiker, for an insurance company; National Security Council Kremlinologist Richard Pipes, for a new semester at Harvard; and Jay Moorhead, the private sector initiatives coordinator, for the Olympic Organizing Committee.

Yet, overall figures make these departures the exception. According to John F. W. Rogers, Reagan's deputy assistant for administration, only five staff members left the White House during the last four months of 1982. (There are 322 permanent staff positions authorized for the White House, excluding OMB and the vice president's office.) "People are generally staying in their jobs, and they're doing so at the White House," Rogers contended.

The Office of Presidential Personnel, which oversees almost 4,000 political appointments to Cabinet departments and agencies, confirms that the vacancy rate at mid-term is lower than in the past.

One could have a field day speculating about the political import of this inertia. Aside from Lewis and other opportunities, many of those who have already left have done so for ideological reasons (libertarian Martin Anderson, the former domestic policy adviser, and former Treasury under secretary Norman Ture, a committed monetarist, are two examples). What remains could be the makings of a more pragmatic staff committed to the long haul.

For the moment, however, low staff turnover may indicate an internal pessimism about private-sector opportunities. "The jobs aren't very good out there right now," said one senior administration official sardonically. Added Doug Bandow, the former Martin Anderson aide who now edits Inquiry magazine, even special presidential assistants who would prefer the outside fear that the private sector wouldn't reward them with comparable salary or status.

Reagan spokesman Dave Gergen suggests that staff turnover would be higher if "we had the economy at 5 percent (growth) and everything booming." In that case, he told us, Reganites on all levels might view their mission as accomplished and careers as ripe for change.

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Target Poll

The Target Poll is a Wednesday feature, surveying three classes chosen at random. Students have the option of commenting on the question of the week.

Question

Due to budget cuts imposed by the Legislature, the UNO administration recommended and the Board of Regents approved a one-time 10 percent tuition surcharge this semester to help offset a \$495,000 budget deficit. The board has also requested an additional 7 percent tuition increase during the 83-84 school year to minimize cutback requirements. Do you feel this is an equitable solution to the university's budget problems?

Elementary German 112, 0800-0850, MTWTHF. Dr. Richard Thill, instructor. Seven students.

YES — 4

NO — 3

Problems in Philosophy: Ethics in Business 350, 0900-0950, MWF. Dr. Duane Willard, instructor. 19 students.

YES — 7

NO — 12

Introductory Sociology 101, 1300-1350, MWF. Dr. George Barger, instructor, 154 students.

YES — 39

NO — 115

Comments

— "If they continue increasing the tuition they will lose



students. This loss will force them to increase the tuition more. It's an endless circle."

— "If the university system has been unable to gain funds from the state (as has been the problem) and we, as students, wish to continue to be able to get decent instructors who are paid a reasonable salary, then we should be willing to carry some of the burden ... the quality of our education depends upon this."

— "At UNO, many have jobs and can pay such increases. Education is very cheap compared to other schools. In the long run, we are getting a bargain. If people complain, tell them to get a job or work one hour more a week or quit going to the bars at night."

— "The 10 percent surcharge shows poor budget planning."

— "A 'one-time' surcharge has a bad habit of returning every year. (Well, it worked out last year!) And 10 percent is a lot of money to a student. My raise at work wasn't even as much as the raise in tuition. (7 percent)"

— "With the probability that future budget deficits will occur the board must look for other avenues of funding. If tuition continues to increase 10 or 7 percent per semester, only the financially able will be able to attend higher education."

— "This surcharge weighs most heavily on students from out of state (i.e. Council Bluffs) who are already paying three times the amount of someone who lives five miles away."

— "I can't afford tuition as it is. Give me a break."

— "Have a weekend-car wash."

— "I'd rather pay 7 percent more than see the university have to cut back on classes, programs, etc."

— "I can barely afford to go to school now so if you raise tuition I'll be out."

— "I believe the tuition for the foreign exchange students should increase. They come to our school, pay the same amount as us and go back to their country. If they want an education, make them pay now."

— "I would like to say no because I go to school on loans but I realize how hard it is for colleges today and although it will be a shame for students like myself with no money, it is better than the school going under."

— "The cover of today's Gateway made my expensive leather coat black. I gotta dry clean it now."

Letters

Letters to the editor are welcome. Preference will be given to typed letters. They must be signed, but noms de plume can be used upon request. All letters should include proper identification, address, and telephone number. Letters critical of individuals must be signed by using the first and last name or initials and last name. All letters are subject to editing and available space. Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the Gateway.

To the Editor,

As most everyone is now aware, a proposal is before the Omaha City Council that would close the two lower roads in Elmwood Park.

The plan calls for the removal of 100 parking spaces. In addition, the plan includes time restrictions for the

parking spaces that will remain after the original 100 spaces are removed. If strict time restrictions are imposed, UNO students may well find parking in Elmwood Park unfeasible.

In December, members of student government counted over 700 cars in Elmwood with a turnover of three per day. Even if only 100 parking spaces in Elmwood were lost, can anyone imagine 100 additional cars circling the campus lots looking for a parking space?

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, members of student government told the City Council that the students want to keep the roads in Elmwood Park open.

While the City Council is trying to cooperate with UNO, several City Council members said they would like to see more input from the students.

In my opinion, student input or the lack of student input will be the deciding factor when the council votes on whether or not to close the roads in Elmwood Park. Therefore, I must urge the students of UNO to write letters or telephone the City Council members and sign the petition that is being circulated around campus.

And most important, students are needed to attend the City Council meeting on Feb. 8 in mass numbers. One council member said that if the

council chamber downtown is "full" of students, this will be the key to keeping the roads in Elmwood open.

**Guy Mockelman, Speaker
UNO Student Senate**

To the Editor,

Often times, and especially at an institution of higher learning, a very significant problem becomes lost in the tidal wave of verbiage that usually accompanies it. The situation is reviewed, analyzed and studied, at considerable expense of both time and effort, and many times a solution is reached. But then, as soon as the solution is publically proposed, the obligatory flood of oppression swallows it up,

leaving an administration, previously weak-minded, now totally paralyzed and unable (or unwilling?) to act. This is the situation at UNO, and the issue is parking.

The first objective toward a resolution is obvious: how do we impress upon people, who have personal, reserved parking places at the west side of the administration building, that the problem is sufficiently acute to warrant a more impassioned and motivated effort on their part? How do we convince them that, at present, the needs of the students are far from being met? What can be done to compel them to act?

I have but one suggestion. Let us designate one week of

totally open parking. Let the administration and faculty suffer as the students do. Let them know what it is like to frantically search while the clock ticks and class time approaches. The only restrictions that would be retained would be those of handicapped and vendor parking, and that each car must be parked in some sort of previously designated parking place (i.e., no cars on the sidewalks).

Perhaps if this experiment were carried out actions would follow words. An ultimate solution will not come easily, but it is the right of the students to demand that the administration act.

Jeff Miller

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Sports

Anderson credits crowd for first half explosion

Bearkittens skinned by Lady Mav's bench strength

By Paula Thompson

After the Lady Mavs defeated Northwest Missouri State 83-61 Friday night, 6-6 senior Mary Henke Anderson stood apart from her teammates surrounded by young fans at mid-court signing her autograph on programs.

The scene was familiar for all the Lady Mavs at the close of the third annual Pepsi Challenge Night which drew an estimated crowd of 2,800 at the UNO Fieldhouse.

Pepsi Night, which is designed to boost interest in the Lady Mavs, featured free admission, free T-shirts to the first 750 fans, free Pepsi and free hot dogs.

"I think the crowd was one of the reasons we played so well the first half," said Anderson. "We really moved the ball around on offense," said Anderson as she handed a program back to a young boy.

Anderson shot 100 percent the first half. She opened the game with a basket lobbed to her from junior guard Vicki Edmonds. Anderson hit six of six from the field and put in both of her free throws before picking up her third foul with 8:09 left in the half.

"I thought the team did well shifting the ball around," said Mankenberg. "We had an excellent first half."

The Lady Mavs shot 65.5 percent from the field the first half compared to 34.2 percent by the Bearkittens. UNO took a 46-36 lead at half-time.

UNO maintained a 10-point cushion throughout the second half. Although the Lady Mavs notched a 22-point win over the Bearkittens, UNO shot only 37.8 percent during the second half by hitting 14 of 37 from the field. Northwest Missouri shot only 38.4 percent.

"We didn't execute our offense as well as we did during the first half," said Mankenberg. "We didn't have the intensity of moving the ball well — we tightened up."

"Carm Johnson did a fine job," said Mankenberg. "Outside shooting is important to us and she really has a nice touch on the ball."

Four of Johnson's five second half field goals were long outside shots. She swished a 15-footer from the baseline in the middle of the second half and with 6:42 left, an 18-footer by Johnson put UNO ahead 64-49. At UNO's next possession Johnson sank the ball from 21-feet. Her last basket of the night was a 17-foot swish with 3:34 left.

Johnson collected 17 points hitting seven of 14 from the field and four out of four at the free throw line.

The UNO bench looked strong throughout the game.

"We have so much depth that if somebody's in trouble, someone else can come in and take



Linda Shepard

Driving to the basket . . . Mary Henke Anderson dribbles past Northwest Missouri's Diane Kloewer (31) as Ronda Motykowski (50) watches.

over," said Johnson.

Six-foot-one sophomore Ronda Motykowski came off the bench to score a game high 18 points. Motykowski made six of 16 from the field and six of eight from the line.

"At halftime we talked about being patient on offense," said Motykowski. "I worked on waiting for an open shot and just being patient," said Motykowski.

Five-foot-eight junior guard Sue Wieger, transfer student from Wayne State College,

made two of two field goals, assisted in four buckets and grabbed a rebound for the Lady Mavs.

Transfer Jean Pistillo, 5-6 junior guard from Omaha Westside, collected a free throw, two rebounds and two assists and an 18-footer by 5-6 freshman guard Jenny Wurtz from Omaha. Marian closed out the scoring with 14 seconds remaining.

Mankenberg said 5-7 guard Tammy Castle was instrumental in giving UNO an early lead.

Castle broke the only tie of the game putting UNO ahead 4-2. Seconds later Castle scored seven straight points.

With 15:17 remaining in the half, Pistillo fired the ball to Castle for two from the free throw line. Northwest Missouri's Monica Booth answered with a pair for the Bearkittens to bring them within two.

Castle came back down court to hit two from outside and on a UNO steal, Castle layed-up the ball and was fouled by Booth for a three-point play giving UNO a 15-18 lead.

"We knew they were good outside and our big concern was to control the boards," said Mankenberg.

Johnson and Motykowski each grabbed five rebounds for UNO in the first half. Johnson added two the second half while Motykowski added five more.

"Their strength is in their perimeter shooters. We tried to get on them and shut them out," said Johnson. "I think that's what did it for us."

The Lady Mavs held Northwest Missouri's 5-11 Mary Wiebke, who averages 16.2 points a game, to four points.

The 9-5 Lady Mavs, ranked No. 20 in the Division II ratings, host the University of Nevada — Las Vegas Saturday at 5:45 at the UNO Fieldhouse.

Game Statistics

Name	UNO			
	FG/FGA	FT/FTA	REB	TP
Pistillo	0-1	1-2	2	1
Wurtz	1-2	0-0	1	2
Castle	6-10	1-1	0	13
Hengemuehler	1-3	0-0	1	2
Johnson	7-14	4-4	7	17
Edmonds	3-4	0-0	3	6
Henke Anderson	7-9	2-2	3	16
Wieger	2-2	0-0	1	4
Linthacum	1-4	1-3	9	3
Motykowski	6-16	6-8	10	18
Martin	0-1	0-0	0	0
Collins	0-0	0-0	0	0
	34-66	15-20	37	83

Name	Northwest Missouri			
	FG/FGA	FT/FTA	REB	TP
Benton	2-2	2-2	2	6
Wiebke	2-7	0-0	8	4
Scamman	2-7	2-2	1	6
Sapp	3-14	0-0	3	6
Heldenbrand	1-4	2-2	3	4
Gloor	0-0	0-0	1	0
Kloewer	4-9	2-2	4	10
Morris	0-0	2-2	2	2
Leinen	0-0	0-0	0	0
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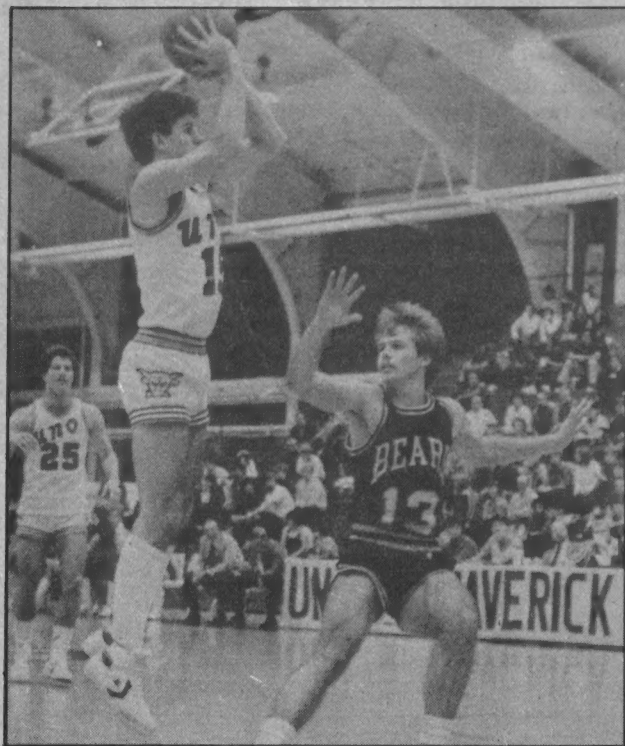
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Thompson, Mavs 'have fun' in 65-57 win over Bears



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Shooting for two ... Dean Thompson became the 18th UNO player to score over 1,000 points.

By Kevin Cole

Full-court pressure defense and balanced offensive scoring enabled UNO to defeat a hot shooting Northern Colorado team 65-57 at the UNO Fieldhouse Saturday night.

With 7:30 left to play in the game Dean Thompson sank two of his game high 24 points on free throws. The Mavs quickly re-applied their full-court press to successfully stifle a Bear bombing attack from the outside which took place in the first 30 minutes of play.

Starting three guards, UNO relied on its quickness to force the Bears into 18 turnovers while giving up just 13 of their own.

Thompson described the press used by the Mavs as "full-court, man-to-man pressure and spinning the extra guard to get more pressure on the ball." The strategy worked well in the second half as UNO ran off 10 straight points while holding Northern Colorado scoreless for over six minutes after Thompson's free throws.

The victory evened UNO's record in the North Central Conference at 2-2. The Mavs' overall record also evened up at 7-7. Northern Colorado fell to 1-3 in the conference and 5-7 overall.

Throughout most of the contest it was apparent that the two clubs were evenly matched as the lead changed hands 13

times. Northern Colorado held a four-point halftime lead 32-28, mostly on the strength of the outside shooting by forward Chuck Knostman and guard Steve Needens. In the first half, 58.3 percent of their shots fell compared to 39.3 percent for UNO. UNO, however, outrebounded the Bears 20 to 14, allowing only two second shot attempts.

UNO sophomore Terry Sodawasser got his first start in 10 games and the 6-9 forward responded with 18 points, 11 in the first half, to equal his previous season high.

Coming off the bench for the Mavs were 6-5 senior Tony Cunningham with five points in the first half, and 6-3 freshman guard Ricky Keys with four first half points. Cunningham sank three of four foul shots and contributed a field goal on a move that sent him spinning inside the Bear defense. Keys grabbed four rebounds and scored four points on two floating jumpers from 20 and 15-feet out. The first basket gave UNO their first lead of the game at 16-14.

While UNO struggled to keep the game close in the first half, Northern Colorado's 6-9 center Bill Hudson combined with 6-8 David Green and 6-9 Jerry Bouldin for 10 points. That with Knostman's 11 points accounted for 21 of the Bear's 32 points.

Starting quickly in the second half, the Mavs' pressure man-to-man defense began to pay off as they erased the four point deficit and never trailed by more than one point after that.

UNO's defense in the second half was so intense that the Bear big men could only muster eight points between them.

Second half UNO scoring was paced by Thompson with 16 points including six for six free throw shooting and five field goals from the outside. This type of shot propelled Thompson into the record book as he became the 18th player in UNO history to score 1,000 career points. Thompson achieved that goal just 5:40 into the second half and wound up the night 16th on the all-time scoring list with 1,013 points.

Afterwards Thompson couldn't recall the exact play on which he hit the scoring mark. "I remember them saying that I'd done it, but that was all," he said. "I was just having a lot of fun out there. Whenever things are going good for you, it's fun."

Joining in the 'fun' with Thompson were guards Dave Felici and Dwayne King. Between them they issued 12 assists and combined for eight rebounds while scoring a bucket apiece. Six-foot-five forward Jeff Fichtel contributed four rebounds, two points and a blocked shot to the win.

Although UNO's defense blunted the Bear front line attack in the second half, the Northern Colorado guards' hot outside shooting kept them in the game near the end. Needens and 5-11 guard Knute Peterson combined to hit on eight of 11 shots

from the floor, most of which were high arching swishes from long range.

However, Northern Colorado couldn't handle the pressure of the Maverick defense or match the quality of UNO's bench strength. UNO succeeded in stealing the ball from the Bears and in converting defensive rebounds into baskets by pushing the ball up court. Keys in particular seemed well-versed in this free-flow style of play as he added six points in the second half to finish with 10.

Three times within the last 2:10 of the game UNO stole the ball and cashed in for two points on all occasions. Thompson scored twice from the field and dropped two foul shots to finish the UNO scoring.

UNO, now tied with two other clubs for fourth place in the conference, will host St. Cloud State and Mankato State this coming Friday and Saturday nights.

Track team sets records

Two Lady Mav track team members broke school records at the first open indoor track meet held at Vermillion, South Dakota Saturday.

Freshman Linda Elsasser broke the UNO women's 1500 meter record with a time of 4:45.5 and Cheryl Fonley clocked 10:52.2 in the 3000 meter run. Junior Kristi Bundy tied a school record of 42.3 in the 300 meter dash.

Leading the returners from last year's team, which placed 14th in the NCAA Division II outdoor nationals, are high jumpers Beth Kerschinske and Julie Gullett and sprinter Bundy. These members, along with a 12-member recruiting class, leave Condon optimistic about the 1983 women's track season.

"One of the characteristics of the team is that there are a lot of new faces," said Bob Condon. UNO's Rita Corell placed sixth in the shotput but Condon said she never picked up a shotput until a few weeks ago.

"I think every week she'll go up a few feet and become real competitive," said Condon.

How other UNO members fared ... 55 meter dash — 1st Bundy 7.3, 55 meter hurdles — 2nd Janice Pearson 10, 400 meter dash — 1st Becky Wilson 1:01.5, 800 meter run — 2nd Laurie Hajek 2:28 and 3rd Kathy Nelson 2:30.5, 1500 meter — 3rd Nelson 5:17.8, 3000 meter — 6th Kathy Gubbins 11:58 and 7th Nancy Leaden 12:17, 4x100 meter relay — 1st Bundy, Wilson, Julie Johnson and Pearson 51.9, 4x400 meter relay — 1st Hajek, Wilson, Bundy and Pearson 4:11.9, long jump — 1st Wilson 16'6" and 2nd Pearson 15'8", high jump — Kerschinske 5'4" and Julie Gullett (unattached) 5'7".

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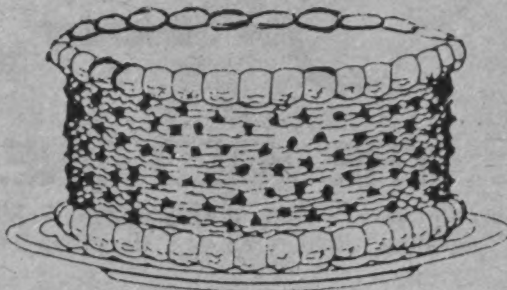
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'High quality of wrestlers causes intense competition'

By J. Frank Ault

This article includes opinions of the author. Intensity leads to excellence in wrestling. Consider how it plays its part in the 134-pound weight class of UNO's wrestling team.

Why is intensity necessary? Only one of the five will be able to earn a berth at the North Central Conference and National championships.

Former All-American Bob Hoffman has returned to the squad after taking off last year to get married and work. Trent Tinsley, Steve Strobel and Lewie Massey are all freshmen, who were high school state champions. Mike Fox, transferred from Division I school Western Illinois, where he started for two years.

Hoffman's All-American status in 1981 means nothing in 1983. Bygone high school state championships buy no privileges at the college level. UNO team members collectively have won 33 state high school championships. Fox's starting job at Western Illinois will have to be re-earned at UNO.

Let-downs in intensity will lead to defeat, even before some of these wrestlers reach competition. Most likely, they give each other more

competition than many of their opponents from other schools.

All wrestlers live with the knowledge that their own readiness and desire will be responsible for success or failure. No wrestler can excuse defeat by saying someone else dropped the pass, or struck out.

Despite the odds against them, and the grim reality that many will not attain their long-term goals simply because of the high quality of the team they belong to, these young men seem not the least bit petty or bitter.

"I'm just happy to be wrestling right now. Sure, I want to be varsity. That's my goal, but right now I'm just happy to have the chance," said Hoffman.

Lewie Massey, who most recently held the starting position said about the competitive situation, "It's good. It makes you work that much harder."

Mark Manning, who transferred from UNL,

is described by coach Mike Denney as "very intense" and leads UNO in the 150-pound class.

In addition to these athletes, returning All-Americans Mark Rigatuso and Russ Pierce have helped the Mavericks to gain their No. 4 national ranking.

Meanwhile Dan Goering must duel Phil Pisasale for the starting position at 126-pounds. Last year, Pisasale was second in the conference at 118-pounds. Greg Wilcox, a junior-college All-American, returns at 190-pounds after a red-shirt year.

"We recruit students," Denney said emphatically. "The first thing we ask a recruit is, 'Do you want to go to college?' If we don't have people who are here to learn, we won't reach our goals."

Denney went on to say that team members must regularly fill out grade sheets so the coaching staff knows the academic standing of each person. He also requires them to write out their goals so that their commitments are made to someone other than themselves. "That way, it's on the line," Denney said.

Assistant coaches Royce Oliver and Ryan Kaufmann help not only in their experience but

in their actual wrestling time with Maverick matmen. Both are national champions and they give younger wrestlers an opportunity to compete against people better than they will face in college competition.

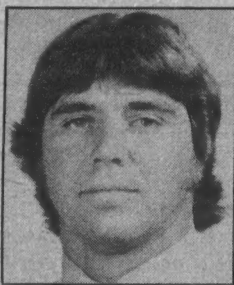
Oliver will be leaving this week for the Soviet Union where he will represent the United States in the TBLISLI, a Russian Invitational Wrestling Tournament, the largest wrestling tournament outside the Olympic Games. "I feel good," said Oliver. "I'm 166 right now and I feel confident."

"Last year, I didn't feel quite right." Last year he finished fourth in the TBLISLI, a tournament only six American have ever won.

This week the team will travel to Springfield, Missouri, for what Denney describes as the toughest challenge all year aside from the National Championships.

The Mavs will face NAIA powers Fort Hays State and Central Oklahoma State, Division I schools Eastern Illinois and Western Illinois, Augustana College from the North Central Conference and also ranked nationally and defending champion Southern Illinois — Edwardsville.

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Denney

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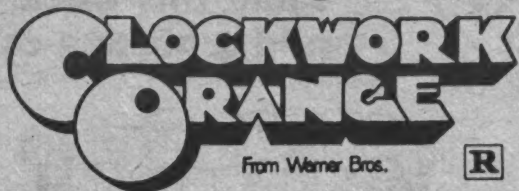
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Sat., Jan. 22, at 7:30 & 9:45 p.m.

SUNDAY DOUBLE FEATURE

Sunday, January 23, at 3 & 7:30 p.m.

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